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LOCAL

FutureGen  
works with  
Caterpillar

Coles continues to be one  
of the leading grassroots  
in attempt for support

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
City Editor

The FutureGen Alliance has announced Caterpillar as the 11th company to be added to the growing list of supporters for the energy plant.

“It’s yet another signal that this is a valid project developing cutting-edge technology that today’s industry leaders believe will make a difference in our energy security in the future,” said president of Coles Together Angela Griffin.

Coles Together has been one of the leading grassroots efforts attempting to gain support for the new energy plant, which might be brought to Mattoon.

“We are the functioning and support role,” Griffin said. “At this stage it is just supporting the effort of the alliance and the effort at the Department of Energy to get us to the point where those groups can sign the agreement that will move the project forward.”

The alliance is used to share in the cost of developing this type of technology, because the technology will ultimately be beneficial to each of the alliance companies, Griffin said.

“By becoming a member of the alliance, it is a way to share in the cost of developing and

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SPRING CONCERT

Drake awaits  
approval from  
university

April 6 tentative date  
set for concert in Lantz

By Heather Holm  
Activities Editor

Eastern is in negotiations with rap artist Aubrey Drake Graham, more popularly known as Drake, to perform at this year’s spring concert.

Eastern will be Drake’s first stop as part of the fifth annual Campus Consciousness Tour, or “The Away From Home” tour.

Director of Student Life Ceci Brinker said the University Board is still waiting for the contracts to be signed before the UB officially announces the concert.

The date for the concert has not been set, but the tentative date as of right now is April 6, in Lantz Arena.

Drake, who began his career on the Canadian TV show “Degrassi: The Next Generation,” has crossed over to hip-hop.

His first studio album, “Thank Me Later,” is expected to be released sometime in 2010.

Past performers at the spring concert include Lupe Fiasco, the Goo Goo Dolls and Jason Mraz.

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ADMINISTRATION

State university presidents  
react to lack of funding

Illinois \$735 million  
behind in payments  
to state universities

By Sarah Ruholl  
Administration Editor

Enough is enough, said Illinois’ university presidents Tuesday.

A letter urging a swift and reliable schedule of state appropriation payments was sent to Gov. Pat Quinn and Comptroller Dan Hynes on Tuesday. The presidents and chancellors of all 13 four-year public universities in

the state signed the letter.

“In the first weeks of a new decade we face an unprecedented crisis: our public universities have received only a fraction of the state payments needed and promised to keep our operations going this fiscal year,” the letter said.

As of Jan. 25, the state is \$735 million behind in payments to universities, resulting in furloughs, hiring and expenditure freezes, and other emergency cost-cutting measures across the state.

The total sum appropriated for fiscal year 2010 is \$1.39 billion,

State appropriations  
fiscal year 2010

\$735

million state  
vouchered  
not received

Eastern vouchered not received:  
\$23.4 million

Eastern Appropriation:  
\$50.6 million  
Eastern vouchered:  
\$40.9 million  
Eastern received:  
\$17.5 million

Total for state:  
\$1.39 billion  
State vouchered:  
\$1.07 billion  
State received:  
\$335 million

\$1.07 billion of which has been  
vouchered to date. Universities

have received \$335 million.

“Vouchered means we’ve sent something in saying we’ve spent money,” said President Bill Perry.

Eastern has received \$17.5 million of its \$50.6 million appropriation to date. The university has implemented hiring and equipment purchase freezes among other measures in order to function without state-appropriated funds.

“We’ve gradually tightened that up,” Perry said. “Further down the list are furloughs and layoffs. It’s something we don’t want to

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Cold conditions continue



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

There were about 3.7 inches on Eastern’s campus Tuesday, said Cameron Craig, a professor in the geology and geography department. The total snowfall recorded for the National Weather Service on campus was 4.5 inches. Cold conditions will be the story for the rest of the week with highs in the mid to low 20s and overnight lows in the single digits, Craig said.

UNIVERSITY

Faculty senate short of quorum

Members hear  
proposal on new  
writing graduation  
requirement

By Erica Whelan  
Student Government Editor

Weather complications rendered the faculty senate one person short of meeting quorum at Tuesday’s meeting for the first time in years, said senate chair John Pommier.

Deciding 10 minutes into the delay to continue with the meeting, Pommier announced that senate

members would not recognize the approval of minutes or old business and would not vote on any new business.

Instead, he said the meeting would be purely informational as the faculty senate considered a new proposal, as well as a report on the progress of the Honeywell construction across campus.

Tim Taylor, director of the Writing Across the Curriculum initiative, appealed to the faculty senate for support in requiring all core classes to take the necessary steps in becoming writing-intensive.

The proposal stipulates that 35 percent of each course grade would

be based on writing.

“We want to use writing as a mode of learning,” Taylor said. “We want students to use writing to understand content and grapple with content. Having students think about their thinking is a powerful means of retention.”

If approved, the proposal will take effect fall 2010, holding faculty members responsible for altering their syllabi accordingly.

Should the proposal pass, it would also require new students to complete four writing-centered or intensive courses beyond the first-year English sequence, totaling six courses with an emphasis on writ-

ing.

Taylor is scheduled to address the faculty senate at the next meeting. He said the deadline to enact the new requirement for next semester is March 18.

Andrew White, chair of the faculty-staff relations committee, expressed a concern that the new requirement would affect the number of hours students would have to complete before graduation.

As a representative of the mathematics and computer sciences department, White also wondered how the potential expanded writing-intensive requirement would

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

**HIGH**  
**24°**

**LOW**  
**10°**

The snow showers finally come to an end today. Total accumulation for the past two days was over 4.5 inches. The sun comes out for Thursday, and sticks around through Friday. Temperatures will continue to be cool, with afternoon highs only peeking into the mid to lower 20s.

WEATHER TOMORROW



**Thursday**  
**Mostly Sunny**  
**High: 25°**  
**Low: 17°**



**Friday**  
**Partly Sunny**  
**High: 27°**  
**Low: 16°**

For more weather information: [www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com)

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Alumnus to speak at Christian Campus House

Eric Lotz, executive director of New Hope Mission Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, will speak at 7 p.m. today at the Christian Campus House.

Lotz will speak about his experiences being directly involved in the relief efforts in Port-au-Prince following the earthquake that struck Haiti in January. The event is free to attend and open to all students, faculty and staff.

Local church to host Pancake Day

The Otterbein United Methodist Church will host a Pancake Day from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The church will also be offering free rides for students interested in attending at the Seventh Street Panther Bus Shelter at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Student veterans to host fundraiser

The Student Veterans of Eastern will be selling "I Love Vets" T-shirts for \$15 and colored paper hearts for \$2 today and Thursday in Coleman Hall. The paper hearts and most of the proceeds will be sent to programs and projects that care for wounded veterans.

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Represent some food



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Resolve Sales representative Cindy Moser works her booth at the Panther Catering Expo Tuesday in 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The expo can bring in around 400 people and gives Panther Catering an opportunity to showcase what they have to offer. Panther Catering purchases its food from US Foods, which in turn gets products from individual vendors who were at the expo.

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Valentine's Day food ideas

Online Editor Sam Sottosanto offers a few ideas of what to eat this Valentine's Day. Read from her food blog at DENnews.com.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student senate to vote for committee, board members

Staff Report

The student senate will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The student senate members

will vote on the approval of six senate members to the faculty awards committee, the committee of bylaw revision adoption and the intercollegiate athletics board.

The student senate has no new or old business that will be discussed.

WOMEN'S OVC SHOWDOWN THURSDAY @ 5 PM  
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# Panel highlights culture clash

By Alesha Bailey  
Staff Reporter

Students at Eastern associate Africa with strength, a motherland, heritage and beauty, while at the same time having negative views such as colonization, poverty and AIDS.

African Americans: Speak to Your Brothers and Sisters was in the Charleston/Mattoon Room at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The lecture was hosted by Wille Morris, president of the African Student Association.

The lecture started with video interviews, where students voiced their opinions about what Africa means to them and then moved into a panel discussion.

Panel members answered questions from the audience members, who also got involved with the discussion. There were six members on the panel who either were black, come from African countries or were raised by parents from Africa.

When discussing an unfamiliarity and disconnection with African culture, the audience mentioned the only reference to African heritage in their personal experiences were Black History Month or watching the movie "Roots." As children they said many of their teachers presented Africa as primitive.

Klevator Abo is a professor in African American studies who is originally from Ghana. While discussing the culture clash between African American's and blacks, Abo felt strongly about the subject.

"If you want to compare apples to oranges than you should be comparing yourself to middle class African Americans," Abo said.

The lack of history and knowledge of Africa is what some students said may have been a result of their attitude toward the continent and the heritage.

Students from Africa mentioned how the continent is so diverse in language and culture, and how Africans and African-Americans attempt to categorize African society. One African student remembers being offended after being asked if he spoke African.



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior finance major Ajie Attawia talks about being from Sierra Leone and the cultural differences between Africans and African Americans during the "Speak to Your Brother and Sister" event Tuesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

African students at the lecture said some of the national languages taught in Africa include English, French and Portuguese, while other languages are taught at home.

Members of the audience mentioned that African Americans are sometimes disassociated with being apart of the African culture because of shame or denial.

Cindy Owusu, a junior and health studies major, is African American with Nigerian parents. She said her friends welcome their own African heritage and want to know more about it.

"They want to go to an African par-

ty because they want to see how we do it as opposed to others," Owusu said.

During the discussion the African students saw America as a land of opportunity and better chances, and mentioned that African Americans are spoiled when it comes to the education system.

African American students said that opportunities vary by the social environment, and not all students are able to obtain educational resources for their benefit.

Students used the Chicago public schools as an example.

Michelle Adeniyi, a senior and psychology major, is originally from

Nigeria. She said that she joined the panel and was involved with the debate to educate and dispel myths associated with Africa.

Adeniyi said she knows other people have stereotypical viewpoints about blacks being on welfare or being involved in gangs. She also said the negative perspectives are changing because of President Obama's influence.

"Africans are going off of what they see in the media, just like African Americans are going off of what they see in the media about Africans," she said.

Abo's main concern about the panel

was the limitation on addressing race.

"They didn't address any questions of social class, they didn't address any questions of gender," he said.

Abo said clarity requires analysis of race, gender and social class at once, which is difficult to do.

In order to fully understand the debate of Africans and African Americans, Abo said that students should study related issues to challenge themselves.

"Not for a grade, but for yourself," Abo said.

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CAREER SERVICES

# Career Network Day gives seniors headstart

By Nick Draper  
Staff Reporter

With snow on the ground and temperatures below freezing, some students may have forgotten graduation and the impending job market is only several months away, but Career Services has not.

Career Services is set to host Career Network Day to give students a chance to meet with potential employers today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Every employer will have his own table to set up displays, hand out information and give presentations.

Students can come and go as they please from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., after they check in at the entrance. Floor plans will be given to help students find the employers they are interested in meeting.

Though the program is geared toward juniors and seniors, Debbie Endsley, a career adviser for the Col-

lege of Sciences and Employer Relations, said sophomore and freshman students are also welcome.

"We encourage those who want to be in a professional position or want an internship by the time they're a junior to go even as a sophomore, just to get the experience," Endsley said.

Students can also bring resumes to give to employers.

Resumes should have specific information about graduation dates, majors and additional information about experiences.

"It doesn't even have to be paid experiences, even volunteer work or part-time jobs or anything about the field that they want to go in to," Endsley said.

Students will have an opportunity to network and find full-time jobs, internships or summer jobs.

Employers range from social service agencies, federal government representatives, state agencies, graphic design, Web design, marketing, social services, state troopers and oth-

## Select companies at Career Network Day

Aerotek  
Camp Little Giant  
Chicago Office Technology Group  
Edward Jones  
Country Financial  
Illinois State Police  
TEKsystems  
Sherwin-Williams Company  
Impact Networking  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

ers.

David Stevens, a senior industrial technology and construction management major, received an offer for an internship and then a full-time job upon graduation from Kiewit Construction at last year's Career Network Day.

"I think (Career Network Day) is great. It's a lot easier to have everybody come to one spot so you have a chance to meet face-to-face to hand in resumes instead of applying on-

line," Stevens said.

Students are not the only ones benefiting from the fair, Endsley said.

Employers are equally excited to pick up high quality workers.

"Many (employers) come back year after year, semester after semester even, because they have found such good quality candidates here before," Endsley said.

Endsley also encourages students to do research about a particular employer before coming to the fair.

"That's the number one thing that employers talk about and stress is that what impresses them the most is when a student comes up to them that has clearly done research about that employer," Endsley said. "They just want to talk to the students who are really interested."

Endsley also said employers often have many different departments and just because they are looking to fill a position that may not relate to a student's specific major does not mean

they will not be looking to fill other positions later as well.

"It's important to try and keep an open mind," Endsley said. "Having that face-to-face contact with an employer at this kind of an event does make a big difference. We've seen it happen, and it helps build that professional network."

Besides the Career Network Day, students can use other services provided by Career Services to connect with recruiters including the Panther Recruiting Membership, an online database similar to Monster.com, and other networking events.

Though the number of employers has dropped from past years due to the slow economy, Endsley said the program continues to be successful.

"We anticipate to build back up when the job market starts to look a little better, but that's just something we'll have to ride out," Endsley said.

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VIEWS



Sarah Jean Bresnahan

Debt monster always finds you

I absolutely hate asking my parents for money. We are by no means a rich family; my dad retired three years ago and now works at a part-time job, and my mom took a \$10,000 pay cut when she switched jobs four years ago. On top of that, they're paying for three kids in college.

Even though I'm working two jobs this semester — as the associate news editor for *The Daily Eastern News* and a weekend babysitter — I still don't make enough money to go out on the weekends, much less buy groceries.

Just before winter break, I forgot to pay my credit card bills. I had three credit lines, and after getting them when I was 18 and foolish with money, went over my credit limit on all of them.

I've been paying off the minimums, sometimes throwing an extra \$10 or \$20 on there. But as all of us in debt know, paying the minimums is like giving a dog a piece of food — they keep bugging you for more and they won't go away until you yell, and then they come after you again minutes later.

At the beginning of winter break, I owed a total of \$1,850. That sum doesn't seem like a lot to most people, but to those of us making minimum wage, that's quite the bank roll.

I wasn't planning on telling my parents about my debt, but multiple phone calls over the span of a few days from collections agencies blew my cover.

My dad and I sat down with my credit card statements and called each company to see what could be done. Two of the companies allowed me to defer my payment for a month; the third wouldn't allow any kind of deferment.

Then my mom, who is the smartest woman I know, came up with a plan.

I had about \$1,600 invested in a stock. We cashed it and put that money toward paying off two of the cards and we made a payment plan for the third.

I may be in the clear for now, but this situation felt like a test run for when the time comes to pay back my student loans.

The Health Education Resource Center offers help to students suffering from credit debt.

The HERC's Web site offers a few tips on choosing a credit card.

Study your card

Know everything there is to know about your credit card. Read the small print on the pamphlet that comes with card applications. Some things to look for are annual fees, minimum monthly payments, fixed or fluctuating interest rates, penalty charges for late payments and credit limit amount.

Know your spending habits

When considering getting a credit card, think about your personal spending habits.

"Buying on credit often feels like you are getting stuff for free," The HERC's Web site said. "This can cause a non-disciplined person to be very spend-happy with their money."

I obviously did not have control over my spending habits, and now, about five years later, I was finally able to pay most of it back. Getting a credit card might be fun, but it's like opening a tab at the bar — you may feel like you're drinking for free now, but eventually the bar owner will find you.

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Closing Doudna's Red Zone a punishment that fits the crime

To borrow a line from television's Dr. Gregory House: You idiots!

As reported in an article in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the Red Zone room in the Doudna Fine Arts Center has been locked because of vandalism by several unidentified students.

According to the article, "Students turned the room's furniture, which was made in Italy, into pyramids and forts, even using the room's round tables as bowling balls."

Jeffrey Lynch, interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said more than \$8,000 in damage had been done to the Red Zone.

We are stunned and disgusted that Eastern students would commit such action.

Doudna should be a jewel in the crown of Eastern. Regardless of people's opinion of the building, it was a project that took nearly a decade to complete and cost more than \$63 million.

The building was not erected simply because Eastern administrators thought it would be a fun idea. Through tireless effort, mostly at the hands of James Johnson, former dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, the university never relented, giving students the best area for studying music, theater and other arts.

This building is not meant to be the world's most expensive Chuck E. Cheese and it isn't a ball pit in a McDonald's play place.

Just two weeks ago, *The DEN* published a letter to the editor written by Student Senate Speaker Isaac Sandidge imploring those in charge to unlock the Red Zone in hopes that students could use the space to relax and get work done.

"A university is a place of higher learning. There is a reason that 5 year olds aren't admitted to college."

Sandidge made the valid point that the room was intended for students' use and, thus, it should be open to them.

In the article in Friday's *DEN*, Lynch said, "We envisioned it as a place for faculty and students to meet and talk."

The Red Zone was open to all students, but some students told others they were unwelcome in the space because they were from other departments.

Lynch said this was "unacceptable."

Now, no one will use it and with good reason.

A university is a place of higher learning. There is a reason that 5 year olds aren't admitted to college. But, after this type of behavior, perhaps Eastern's admissions department should double-check the ages of our student body.

If music students, in fact, were making other students feel unwelcome or misinforming students that they were not allowed in the room, it is childish.

A university that admits people over the age of 18 should not have to have security watching over a lounge, a place for students to relax.

And at our age, no one should have to tell us, "If you wouldn't do that at your mother's house, then don't do it here."

These actions were pathetic and immature and those responsible should be ashamed.

Those students have now deprived the entire campus of the use of a fantastic relaxation space in a beautiful building.

Bravo to Lynch for putting his foot down and locking the door. Doudna is not a romper room; those responsible should withdraw from Eastern and enroll in a pre-school.

FROM THE EASEL



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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Inaccurate images portray urban society

By Jacqueline Evans  
The Northern Star  
Northern Illinois University

Throughout history, stereotypes of certain cultures — specifically urban society — have been developed.

Celebrities and recording artists, as well as other media figures, are the inaccurate image's culprit. Much of today's popular music gives off detrimental views of the people they represent. Black recording artists like Gucci Mane, Lil Wayne and Waka Flocka Flame all promote illicit activity. People in the spotlight have a responsibility to develop images that are posi-

tive, but many of them don't serve that role. A large part of the concern, though, is that many people do not take this party music very lightly. The people impacted are not only those represented, but those who are not part of the culture.

As an African-American woman, I can look at these images of ignorance and completely understand their entertainment purposes. In fact, many people of different races and backgrounds look at these images and know they should not be taken seriously.

On the other hand, some people see these images or hear these lyrics and accept a stereotype as fact, which has been a long-existing

problem.

In the early 19th century, many African-Americans were not allowed on mainstream film. Instead they had "Blackface." When a show featured "Blackface," like the very popular minstrel show, the Caucasian actors would paint their faces with black makeup and "act" like African-Americans.

They would promote the stereotype of African-Americans as lazy, extremely entertaining, drunken, stupid, and they would engage in discriminatory activities like eating watermelon or stealing and wear raggedy clothes and woolly wigs.

To read more, visit [NortherStar.info](http://NortherStar.info).



# New bill would let board borrow money

# Girlyman brings American folk-rock to campus

# STATE

# Madigan: Lawmakers to help pick Quinn running mate

Madigan said he is surprised Quinn didn't fire someone. "That's what I would recommend," he said.

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## Tennis ball pyramid



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Head tennis coach John Blackburn sets up tennis balls for reference during the men's tennis practice Tuesday.

## STATE

## Murder suspect threatened to kill 2nd wife

The Associated Press

JOLIET — The second wife of a former suburban Chicago police sergeant testified at a pretrial hearing Tuesday that he had threatened to kill her and said he could make it look like an accident.

Victoria Connolly said her ex-husband, Drew Peterson, pulled a gun on her three or four times when they were married, once putting it to her head and telling her he would kill her

then kill himself.

Peterson has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the 2004 death of his third wife, Kathleen Savio.

Prosecution called 68 witnesses at the pretrial hearing to determine what hearsay evidence will be allowed at Peterson's upcoming murder trial. Defense will begin Wednesday.

Connolly and Peterson were married for 9½ years. They divorced in 1992.

She described an argument in the

mid-1980s when Peterson grabbed her by the throat.

"He did tell me he could kill me and make it look like an accident," Connolly said, mirroring the testimony of other witnesses who said they were repeating what Peterson's third and fourth wives told them.

Peterson's fourth wife, Stacy, disappeared in 2007.

He has not been charged in the disappearance but police say he is a suspect.

STATE & NATION  
Up to 10 inches of snow expected

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — More than 700 flights have been canceled at Chicago airports as a winter storm moved across Illinois that was forecast to bring up to 10 inches of snow to the region.

The storm on Tuesday also forced schools to close and created snowy, icy roads.

The Chicago Department of Aviation says more than 600 flights were canceled at O'Hare International Airport with delays averaging 45 minutes.

Southwest Airlines says it's canceled more than 140 flights at Midway International Airport through the end of Tuesday and expects to resume service Wednesday.

The aviation department says only a few flights are scheduled to depart Midway for the rest of Tuesday.

The National Weather Service said winds could gust at 35 mph.

## Snow shuts down federal government, life goes on

WASHINGTON — If snow keeps 230,000 government employees home for the better part of a week, will anyone notice?

With at least another foot of snow headed for Washington, Philadelphia and New York, we're about to find out. The federal government in the nation's capital has largely been shut down since Friday afternoon, when a storm began dumping up to 3 feet of snow in some parts of the region. Offices were remaining closed at least through Wednesday.

So far, the effects have been negligible. Many essential government services are performed at offices around the country, and about 85 percent of federal employees work outside the Washington region anyway. Others were working from home despite the snow.

Philadelphia and Washington needed just 9 more inches of snow each to log the snowiest winters since at least 1884, the first year records were kept.

Even before the storm arrived in the District of Columbia, the House announced it was scrapping the rest of its workweek.

Several hearings and meetings were postponed, including one planned for Wednesday on Toyota's massive recalls.

Agencies from the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal Trade Commission canceled hearings. Shutting the agencies for a day costs the government an estimated \$100 million in lost productivity and related costs.

Down Pennsylvania Avenue, the White House decided to move up by a day a Black History Month concert featuring Bob Dylan, Smokey Robinson and Natalie Cole. It had been slated for Wednesday, but was instead moved to Tuesday night.

President Barack Obama held a bipartisan meeting with congressional leaders ahead of the storm Tuesday and joked that it went so well that Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky had gone out to play in the snow.

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Senate Democrats unveil jobs package

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats circulated a jobs bill Tuesday that's light on new initiatives on boosting hiring and heavy with provisions sought by lobbyists for business groups, doctors and the satellite broadcasting industry.

Senate Democrats were working to round up Republican support,

but more snow in the nation's capital made it unlikely the Senate could pass it this week and hand President Barack Obama a quick, badly needed political victory.

Republicans are willing partners because much of the bill is made up of tax breaks they support, though many GOP senators said they were still waiting to see the details.

The 362-page measure is still in

draft form and has not been officially released.

The draft has very few new ideas for creating jobs, other than a \$10 billion plan to exempt companies from paying the employer's share of Social Security payroll taxes for new hires if they are unemployed and hired this year.

The idea, by Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is

regarded as more workable than President Barack Obama's plan for tax credits of up to \$5,000 for new hires because it is simpler and gets the tax breaks to businesses faster.

The plan does give employers, however, a scaled-back credit of \$1,000 for new hires kept on payroll for at least a year.

The rest of the measure is mostly comprised of last year's unfinished

business, including renewal of business tax breaks that have expired, an extension of unemployment benefits and health insurance subsidies and forestalling a cut in Medicare payments for doctors.

The jobs bill is politically important for Democrats seeking to respond to public anxiety about the economy.

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apply to mathematics majors.

In response, Taylor suggested using writing as a tool for students to learn how to work through formulas and gain a better understanding of subject matter. He said incorporating journals or short writing assignments would enable students to connect with their disciplines.

White maintained that the proposal would be met with resistance.

"Our syllabi right now are crammed full of material to cover," he said. "We constantly have to ask ourselves how it's all going to fit, and I haven't come up with an answer."

Similarly, Joy Russell, an assistant special education professor, said the new requirement could be detrimental to new student and transfer enrollment at Eastern.

"We wouldn't want a group of students caught in the crossfire," Russell said.

Faculty senate recorder Jonathan Coit, an assistant history professor, said that 7.7 percent of students are

currently not meeting the writing-intensive requirement.

"That's about 85 people out of 12,000," Coit said.

He indicated that three majors do not comply with the standards used to evaluate a writing-intensive course, including finance, physical education and general studies.

"In a way, those students are sort of sneaking out of here without doing work almost every other student does."

He said that an emphasis on writing would apply to his subject of history, where large portions of students' grades are based on written exams.

Robin Murray, an English professor, said most majors are already meeting the requirement.

"I don't think it'll be a huge step to take," Murray said.

Senate members also heard a report from Dave Evers, an engineering executive at Honeywell International Inc.

Evers outlined the main objectives of the campus construction project in

progress.

Phase three of the project, which Evers deemed "mission critical," includes replacing the existing steam plant by spring 2011, as well as implementing self-funding conservation measures and reducing the university's environmental impact.

"This plan provides an enormous amount of infrastructure," Evers said. "This generation of students has a real passion for energy and reducing the impact on the planet, and that's reflected in these conservation measures."

Evers detailed an additional 22 measures, totaling \$80 million that the university will spend on infrastructure. He said the improvements made would save Eastern upward of \$144 million in the future.

"To be able to do this project in this economic environment we have is exciting," Evers said.

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commercializing the technology so that no one industry or no one company is having to bear the cost itself," Griffin said.

Caterpillar is one of the 30 companies whose stock is tracked in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. It is a Fortune 500 company, has more than \$30 billion in assets and is first in its industry of construction and mining equipment.

"Clean coal plays a critical role in our country's competitive energy supply, energy security and environmental protection," said Caterpillar vice chairman Doug Oberhelman. "The FutureGen project will demonstrate carbon capture and sequestration technologies that are absolutely essential if the world is ever going to realize stabilization rates of, and eventual reductions, in greenhouse gas emissions."

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., has been in support of the project since it was launched and has been deeply intertwined with discussion

about the topic, as the bill for FutureGen will soon be addressed in Congress.

"In just a little over a week, the FutureGen Alliance has added another strong partner with a deep connection to Illinois," Durbin said. "Caterpillar will bring a great deal to the table as the FutureGen Alliance and the Department of Energy continue in the final stages of negotiations."

Oberhelman is interested in the project because of the benefits that will later be seen with the coal and mining industries, which Caterpillar sells equipment to.

"The U.S. economy is dependent on reliable and affordable access to energy," Oberhelman said. "FutureGen paves the way for continued use of coal — one of America's most abundant fuel supplies."

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do, but it could be a measure we have to take. If you look at the budget, about 80 percent is in personnel."

The letter said these measures soon may not be enough.

"Without full funding of our appropriations in a timely manner, we will be forced to take even more drastic actions that will diminish the educational opportunities of our students and our service to the people of Illinois," the letter said.

"We have drawn down our available resources, and we are now counting on tuition dollars to keep our doors open for students beginning the new spring semester. Still, no amount of cutting and sacrificing can make up for the absence of hundreds of millions of dollars in state appropriation payments."

Paul McCann, director of business services and treasurer, said this is not the first time universities have told the

comptroller they need the funding.

"All of the state universities are regularly communicating with the comptroller, expressing our need and desire for the additional money, but they are having problems of their own coming up with additional funds," McCann said. "This all stems from a lack of sales tax being collected in the state."

Universities are essential to the continuing function of Illinois' economy, the letter said. Currently, approximately 233,000 students are enrolled in the state's public universities, and they employ around 43,000 faculty and staff members.

"Educating the citizenry of the state has to be up there from a standpoint of getting people out, getting them jobs that will turn around and pay taxes, buy goods and services of the people in the state of Illinois, and generate more taxes," McCann said.

The letter said Illinois' future hinges on the proper functioning of its universities.

"During periods of economic recession, universities help set the stage for recovery through investment in human capital and discoveries that create new industries and transform existing ones," the letter said.

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11 Prime meridian std.
14 Zellweger of "Leatherheads"
15 Not yet reached
16 Evergreen tree
17 Race energetically past?
19 What an athlete may turn
20 It sometimes depicts a dragon or tiger
21 Rides
23 Keys on the side of a keyboard
26 Last word of a January 1 song
27 Mozart's "\_\_\_ Fan Tuttle"
30 Yellow one
33 Todd who directed "I'm Not There," 2007
36 More bohemian
37 East ender?
38 Like King Solomon ... or an oral hint to 17- and 62-Across and 11- and 29-Down
40 "\_\_\_, verily"
43 Nonchalant
45 Adjusts to one's situation
47 Games involving picks
50 Sch. groups
51 River to the Mediterranean
52 Dust collector
55 Stonewall, say
58 Popular sandwich bag
61 Smoke detector batteries, often
62 Native African's musical beat?
66 "I said ... out!"
67 Banana-loving zoo critter
68 "With this ring \_\_\_ wed"
69 What every inning has three of?
70 Native of India in the British army
71 They might get shingles
DOWN
1 Thin bark?
2 Soften
3 Grammy winner for "Amarantine"
4 Occupies, as bushes or trees
5 Sonar's measurement
6 Bribe
7 Photo blowup: Abbr.
8 Singer Winehouse
9 Red ink
10 Eyelid annoyance
11 Where an old wanderer is interred?
12 Sister of Venus
13 Like some short tennis matches
18 Louis XIV, e.g.
22 "... so long \_\_\_ both shall live?"
24 Fishing boat
25 Garment in Gujarat
27 2008 title role for Benicio Del Toro
28 Trireme propeller
29 What Romeo and Juliet had to do?
31 "\_\_\_ date!"
32 Went kaput
34 Luxury
35 Arc on a music score
39 Made, as a wager
41 Sorority letter
42 Blockhead
44 Tiny bit
46 Try for a job at
47 "Gil Blas" novelist
48 Secure
49 Alignment of celestial bodies
53 Former space station
54 Biblical land with "ivory and apes and peacocks"
56 Debuts on Wall St.
57 Rochester's love
59 Roman emperor after Galba
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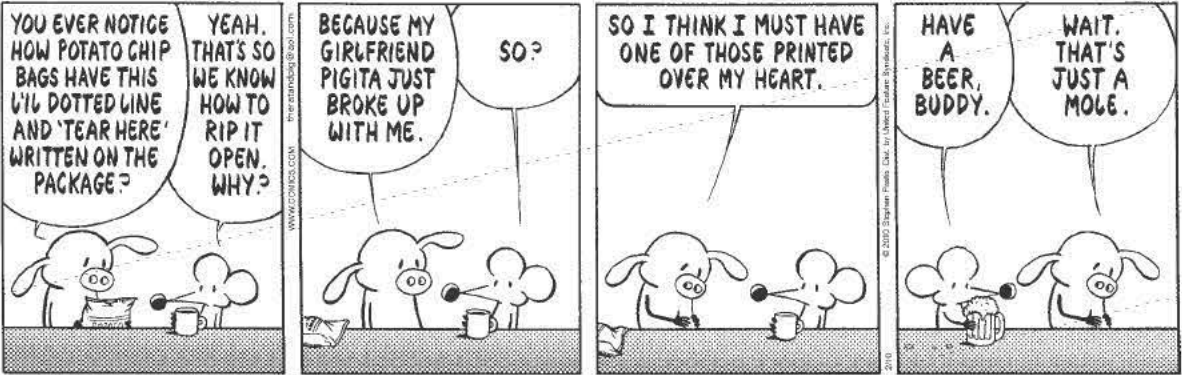




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NATION

SUPER BOWL

Good times roll at Saints victory parade

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Only a Super Bowl victory parade could upstage Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Carnival floats carrying Saints players, coaches and team owner Tom Benson rolled past tens of thousands of jubilant fans in downtown New Orleans on Tuesday, two days after the 43-year-old franchise won its first NFL championship.

Players, wearing team jerseys instead of traditional Carnival masks and costumes, tossed beads into the crowd and signed autographs for throngs of screaming fans.

Benson shouted “Who Dat!” into a microphone from his perch atop a float. Head coach Sean Payton blew kisses and held the Lombardi Trophy over his head.

“Here’s to the best Mardi Gras week in the history of this city,” Payton said, raising a glass of champagne during a toast outside the city’s historic Gallier Hall.

The parade, a week before the city’s signature Fat Tuesday celebration, started outside their home turf at the Louisiana Superdome. Black, gold and white confetti floated over the crowd

and a man wearing a Saints jacket held aloft a sign that read, “Happy Lombardi Gras!”

The floats stopped at a reviewing stand so elected officials, including Mayor Ray Nagin, Gov. Bobby Jindal and Sens. Mary Landrieu and David Vitter, could toast the team’s 31-17 win over the Indianapolis Colts.

“How’s the ‘Who Dat’ nation feel tonight?” Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees yelled when his float stopped at the reviewing stand.

“This toast goes out to you. We love you and we won that championship for you.”

Ten Carnival krewes lent floats for the team to ride.

More than a dozen marching bands joined the team on its route, which passed by the edge of the French Quarter and ended at the city’s convention center.

An official crowd estimate wasn’t immediately available, but many fans said the gathering seemed larger than any during Mardi Gras.

“This is wilder than Mardi Gras,” said Frank V. Smith, 55, a lifelong New Orleans resident who shot photographs of players from the rear of

“Everybody is here for one reason: their love for the city and their love for the Saints and to show our appreciation for what they’ve done for us.”

Shannon Cobb, 28, of Metairie, La.

a pickup truck. “I’ve never seen so many people out here like this. This is beautiful, man.”

Shannon Cobb, 28, of Metairie, said the parade was a party with a purpose.

“Everybody is here for one reason: their love for the city and their love for the Saints and to show our appreciation for what they’ve done for us,” she said.

The Super Bowl win, which capped just the ninth winning season in franchise history, was a stunning reversal of fortunes for a team once derided as the “Aints.”

Few players could appreciate that better than fan favorite Deuce McAllister, the team’s retired all-time leading rusher who joined the team on the sidelines for the Super Bowl.

“It’s been pretty crazy,” he said

Tuesday. “Everywhere you go, you can see the pride in the fans.”

Fans are grateful for more than just the team’s on-field performance.

Many members of “Who Dat” nation credit the team with uniting a city that has struggled with racial divisions and labored to rebuild in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which left about 85 percent of the city underwater in August 2005.

“After the hurricane, people were more willing to come back when they realized the Saints were coming back,” said Scott Catalanotto, 35, whose 7-year-old son sat on a ladder and yelled for beads.

In the French Quarter, thousands streamed toward the parade route, turning Bourbon Street into a river of black and gold.

Will Kaplan, 28, stood out in a bil-

lowing white toga with a gold-colored halo and the word “Breesus” on his back.

His Jesus-inspired costume, he said, was made from sheets he had in a FEMA trailer he stayed in after Hurricane Katrina on the University of New Orleans campus.

“I’m the spirit of the party,” he said.

Enduring chilly, windy weather under overcast skies, fans started staking out spots along the parade route more than seven hours before the floats rolled.

Tim Thorn, a 35-year-old landscaper, drove in from Baton Rouge to be among the early birds. He said he gave his daughters, Cameron and Carson, the day off school because the event was too big to miss.

“It’s probably the biggest party in the world,” he said.



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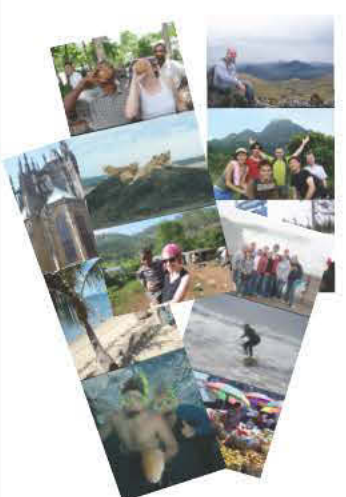
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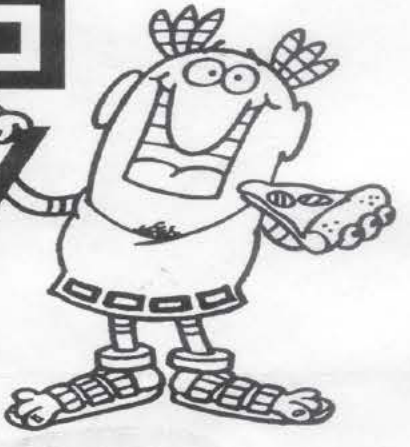
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FACULTY & STAFF BOWLING LEAGUE



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Tim Taflinger, manager of the Union Bowling Lanes, bowled a perfect game on Feb. 1 during faculty and staff league bowling in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The game was his 10th perfect game. Taflinger is a Bowling Hall of Fame member at the National Hall of Fame in St. Louis and has won various bowling honors throughout his life.

# Mr. Perfect bowls, strikes, succeeds

Lanes manager rolls 10th 300 game on home turf

By Collin Whitchurch  
Managing Editor

Bowling has been a major part of Tim Taflinger's life for 40 years. But for the University Bowling Lanes manager, what he accomplished on Feb. 1 is still special.

Taflinger bowled his 10th career 300 game that night during the faculty and staff league at the bowling alley inside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

While 10 perfect games is a lofty number for even the most veteran bowler, Taflinger, whose average this season has been as high as 214, said it can still be pretty nerve racking.

"I have been bowling for 40 years and have 10 300s to my credit and one 800 series," the Bowling Hall of Famer said.

"You still have the nerves, but it is a little easier every time you get close to one."

Taflinger, who has a degree in Bowling Lanes Management from Vincennes University in Vincennes, Ind., has been managing the University Bowling Lanes for 26 years and said a perfect game on those lanes is a rarity.

He said the alley usually has a couple of 300 games each year, and three people have come close in the past year with games of 299, 298 and

290.

Unfortunately for Taflinger, the faculty and staff league is not sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress, so he will not receive any awards for his accomplishment.

In a USBC sanctioned league, a bowler receives a customized ring for bowling a 300.

However, Taflinger said his league honors games like that in a different way.

"The league usually gives a trophy and there were a couple of ladies in

the league who brought in a cake to celebrate (the following week)," he said.

Along with being a Bowling Hall of Fame member at the National Hall of Fame in St. Louis, Taflinger has been named Bowler of the Year by the Charleston Bowling Association in the past and is a member of the Charleston Bowling Hall of Fame.

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VIEWS



Collin Whitchurch

## Sitting Boey right choice, right reasons

Eastern track and field star Zye Boey has yet to lace up his racing sneakers this season.

The red-shirt sophomore has a torn knee tendon and underwent a knee scope in early January.

Losing someone of Boey's caliber is never a good thing for a sports team.

It is rare for a team to not suffer some sort of decline when its star athlete goes down.

But in Boey's case, while losing a year is hard both for the athlete and the team, it is absolutely the smart thing to do.

One can only imagine how hard it is for an athlete, someone with a strong competitive nature, to have to sit on the sidelines while his team competes.

That is what Boey's going through.

Head coach Tom Akers is taking things slowly and cautiously in bringing Boey along, hoping to have him ready for the outdoor season.

Knowing the way Akers handles his team and the steady hand he has used to lead the program during his tenure, it is safe to say he knows what is best.

If Boey is not at absolutely 100 percent, there is no reason he should set foot on a track.

Think about it: Boey won just about every individual accolade one can win in a season as a freshman.

As a sophomore, the sky's the limit.

He has two-plus years left to compete athletically, and there is no reason he should risk his future on the track for one season early in his college career.

What is more, the Panthers have a more-than-solid replacement in junior Darren Patterson.

The transfer has been lighting the track on fire in the 200-meter dash, winning the EIU Early Bird in December and the Illinois Intercollegiate in January.

While his times are not quite as good as Boey's were last year, he has been a force to be noticed in the Ohio Valley Conference, and has helped the Panthers stay competitive in the variety of events Boey ran.

So while his absence from the Eastern track and field team hurts, it bodes well for the future.

Having the star of the team 100 percent healthy when he returns to the track is the most important thing for both him and the team.

When he is ready, the team will be for the better, but taking precaution and making sure he is OK before sending him back out is the smart thing to do.

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## All Access

with Merritt Whitley, freshman tennis player



CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Merritt Whitley, a freshman tennis player, is a native of Kansas City, Mo. she came to Eastern not only with her tennis racquet, but also with her guitar in tow. The aspiring singer/songwriter describes her style as acoustic pop and folk, similar to the style of Liz Golden.

## Whitley causes a racket

### Freshman excels in tennis, music

By Dion Martorano  
Staff Reporter

Most people want to develop one talent and master it, but that is not enough for Merritt Whitley.

The Missouri native is a freshman on the tennis team. However, she is also an aspiring guitarist and singer.

For Whitley, she reduces stress by playing mellow music.

"It is relaxing to me (playing the guitar)," Whitley said. "It is a big stress relief. If I am ever upset about something, I put it in a song and sing about it. I just love it more than anything."

Singing also fills her life.

"I've always sang my whole entire life," Whitley said. "I always loved singing. I sang in karaoke contests when I was little. I even won once. I did talent shows all through elementary school."

At Park Hill High School, she found the guitar again and helped

bring out her love for music.

"I got into (the guitar) my freshman year," Whitley said. "My friend was in a band and I thought it was the coolest thing ever. I watched him perform and play the guitar and sing songs, and I thought it was so cool."

She does not know how to describe her music style, but said she has something close to a few musicians. Whitley said she is close to Liz Golden when she sings. Golden is an acoustic pop and folk singer.

Most athletes are used to per-

forming in front of large crowds, but Whitley said it is different singing and playing guitar in front of a packed house.

"I did school talent shows with my friend and we won and did it in front of my whole school," Whitley said. "It was so nerve racking, but it was exciting. I did some open mic performances in high school and might do some here. It is good to have something else to do, not just to have tennis all the time."

This summer, Whitley is making  
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### MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

## Miller's going to work, rebuild

### Extension allows coach to resume plans with team

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

Eastern men's basketball head coach Mike Miller was signed to a two-year contract extension on Monday.

Despite having a record of 47-92, Miller's squad is 24-29 the last two seasons.

"That's the whole point of continuing is continue to build," Miller said. "You have to build the foundation before you build the finished product. We've gone through the stages of that. We

laid the foundation and have been, each year, bringing in quality recruits."

Miller said this is the first year every player was brought in by the current coaching staff.

He said players buying into the system and continuing to develop is key for furthering the program's success.

Senior guard Dewayne Wright Jr. was excited for his coach.

"I think that's good," Wright said. "He is doing a good job with the program."

When he first got here, things started out a little shaky, but he's making it rise now. We are on the way to a winning season and keep expanding and getting good recruits."

Junior guard Tyler Laser voiced a

similar opinion.

"Each year, we are getting better," Laser said.

"We are starting to play the way we should, and we feel how we should, we are the best team in the league."

Laser said he feels the Panthers will play well in March and possibly win the OVC tournament. He said he hopes they will continue to progress next season under Miller.

### Bench steps up

During Saturday's 75-49 victory over Southeast Missouri, Eastern's bench had some nice performances from its bench.

"When our team is at it's best, we have a balance," Miller said. "I thought we started with a good

energy on defense. We got after it. We raised our energy level back up."

Wright was a spark plug of energy, scoring six points and adding a steal in seven minutes of play.

"I just got out there and tried to penetrate the zone," Wright said. "Coach (Miller) is always talking about attacking. I'm small and low to the ground so I penetrate and get to into the lanes a little bit. I got to the foul line and was able to contribute."

Junior center Matt Dorlack played eight minutes and got three rebounds.

He played heavy minutes with senior center Ousmane Cisse and freshman forward Shaun Pratl.

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